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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA REGIONAL REMOTE
SENSING MEETING IN OUAGADOUGOU, 26-29 SEPTEMBER 1978

PARIS, PLEASE PASS NASA REP.

1. IN RESPONSE TO 18 JULY 1978 LETTER FROM ECA EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY ADEDEJI TO NASA ADMINISTRATOR FROSCH, NASA HAS
DESIGNATED MR. JAMES V. ZIMMERMAN, SENIOR APPLICATIONS
PROGRAMS OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION TO
REPRESENT THE AGENCY AT THE ECA-CONVENED MEETING OF
PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL REMOTE
SENSING PROGRAM IN AFRICA. NASA HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE
PARTICIPANT IN THE PAST ECA EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE REGIONAL
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REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM AND IS ASKING ZIMMERMAN TO TAKE PART
IN THIS MEETING AS AN OBSERVER TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS
RELATING TO NASA'S REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES. MEETING ALSO
PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR NASA TO BEGIN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS
WITH ECA AND NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON PLANS FOR REGIONAL
LANDSAT DATA RECEPTION AND PROCESSING STATIONS IN UPPER
VOLTA AND ZAIRE.

2. REQUEST ADDIS ADVISE ECA/NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, DR. WASAWO OF NASA PLANS. THESE, OF COURSE, ARE SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF AMERICAN EMBASSY, OUAGADOUGOU IN LIGHT OF CURRENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON US PERSONNEL TO UPPER VOLTA.

3. REQUEST OUAGADOUGOU ADVISE WHETHER TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS CAN BE WAIVED FOR ZIMMERMAN TO ATTEND.

4. ASSUMING RESTRICTIONS ARE WAIVED FOR ZIMMERMAN, HE PROPOSES TO MEET WITH WASAWO ON 25 SEPTEMBER, DAY PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ECA MEETING. REQUEST ADDIS CONFIRM WASAWO'S AVAILABILITY THAT DATE.

5. AF/W CONCURS IN SUBSTANCE OF THIS CABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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